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NICKWACKETT FIRE HOUSE
Log Book

Fires and alarms 1874-1879



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Dives and Alarms

June 9th 1874.

Alarm off fire about 7. O'clock A.M.
which proved to be the house of Mrs
Freeze on Forest St. Engine not out
^{1st} at house ^{2d} at house

June 8th 1874.

Fire, Taph and Blind shop of C. S. Cross on
Furnace St alarm sounded at 12. O'clock
25 minutes Engine and company promptly
on hand and done good service, R. C. Allen
^{1st} and ^{2d} man at house

Origin of fire accidental

July 3rd 1871.

Fire, Dwelling House and Barn on West Street
Owned by P. W. Crampton Alarm given 4 O'clock
5 minutes & Mr. Origin of fire accidental.
C. L. Long 1st man and F. W. Pierce 2^d man at house

Dec. 11th 1871

Fire, Carriage Shop and Contents of Joseph E.
Gibson situated in the rear of 10 Main St
Origin of fire accidental Alarm given at 8
o'clock P.M. E. S. Southwick 1st man and Samuel
Dowling 2^d man at Engine house

Dives and Alarms

January 1st 1872

Fire, Shanty near 2d crossing Alarm
given 8 O'clock 15 minutes P.M. Henry Lester
1st and Jon Lippincott 2^d man at house

January 25th 1872

Fire, Photograp. rooms of H. Richards
on the third floor of No 15 Centre St the
fire was confined in the room of which it originated

February 28th 1872.

Fire, Harness Shop of J. C. Bates No 40
Centre St Origin of fire unknown Alarm
given at 4.45 O'clock A.M. Jon Lippincott 1st man
and C. L. Long 2^d man at house

January 14th 1875.

Fires Central Ave Old Red Store Nichols Block and
Meriden Block and several Dwelling houses in the
rear. Origin of fire unknown. Engine & Co.
Promptly on hand 1st stream on the fire by 10.15 alarm
given at 10.30 O'clock R. H. Carlos Winsor 1st man at
house and James Doty 2^d

December 15th 1874

Fire, Dwelling house of A. C. Bates on Grove St. Engine
and Co. Promptly on hand but owing to scarcity of water
coupled with steamers and engine retained to house. Origin of
fire believed fine in furnace. Francis Gilman 1st man at house.

Fires and Alarms.

January 20th 1875.

The Dwelling House owned by Chas. Bailor and occupied by the Sisters of Charity on Meadow St. Engine & Co. Promptly on hand and done good service. Alarm given at 10.45 O'clock A.M. Origin of fire defective chimney.

March 24th 1875.

The alarm of Fire was sounded at 12.45 A.M. which proved to be the dwelling house on Woodstock St. or. Owned and occupied by Mrs. Carrick & Rufus Sims. Engine & Co. Promptly on hand but owing to the scarcity of water did not do much good, succeeded in getting 1st steam. R.C. Allen 1st man at house.

April 20th 1875.

The alarm of fire was sounded at 1 O'clock A.M. which proved to be a dwelling house in Perkinville. House unoccupied. Engine & Co. Promptly on hand and did the best they could under circumstances. Lewis Caisy 1st man at house.

April 28th 1875.

The alarm of fire was sounded at 3.15 O'clock P.M. which proved to be a barn on East St. belonging to Jacob Edgerton. Engine & Co. Promptly on hand and played in No. 2. C.J. Powers 1st Francis Gilman 2nd man at house.

Fires and Alarms.

April 25th 1875.

The alarm of fire was sounded at 3.05 O'clock A.M. which proves to be in the Book store of Dutcher Co. on Anne St. Engine & Co. Promptly on hand and done good service. Cause of fire accidental. C. Long 1st man at house.

May 15th 1875.

The alarm of fire was sounded at 4.15 O'clock A.M. which proved to be the Opera house owned by Tom W. Riley, occupied on the first floor by T. P. Cady and M.C. May. Engine & Co. promptly on hand and done good service. Loss heavy well insured. Lewis Caisy 1st man at house.

May 19th 1875.

The alarm of fire was sounded at 3.45 O'clock A.M. which proved to be in a barn belonging to Miss Thornton on Centre St. also the Blacksmith shop of C. Long Grocery store of P. Cain and Suckling house.

Origin of fire supposed incendiary fire left promptly on hand, so it was delayed some time for want of hose, well insured. R.C. Allen 1st and G.H. Mabury 2nd man at house.

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January 15th 1876.

Fire. Robert Stewart Store and dwelling House situated on Strong Avenue. Alarm sounded at Nine O'clock 20 minutes P.M. Engine and Company promptly on hand but owing to scarcity of Hydrents did not get a stream. Origin of fire supposed to be a defective pipe. E.R. Seet 1st and Garance Kingsley 2^d at House.

January 18th 1876.

Fire. A.C. Bates & Sons Store House situated in the rear of the Bates House. Alarm sounded at 4:20 O'clock A.M. Engine & Co promptly on hand owing to breaking the Hydrent was delayed some in getting water but did good service the Origin of the fire supposed Incendiary. James Ward 1st and G.F. Hunt 2^d man at House.

February 15th 1876

Fire. ~~Frank~~ Michael Kelley House situated on Green Street. Alarm sounded at 4:00 One O'clock Engine and Company on hand but to late to save the building. Origin of the fire defective pipe.

February 16th 1876

Fire. Bates House Building property of A.C. Bates situated on the corner of Centre & Merchants Row. Alarm sounded at 8:00 clock. Engine and Co. Promptly on hand and first stream on the fire. Building Burned well insured. Origin of fire supposed Incendiary compensation duty 4 hours. G.A. Dunton 1st and H.H. Hilton 2^d man at House.

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February 17th 1876.

Fire. Kingsley & Sprague Block on Merchants Row Alarm sounded at 9:15 O'clock. Engine & Co Promptly on hand and first stream on the fire and the Building was saved. Origin of fire from the Bates House. E.H. Woods 1st and Peter Stone 2^d man at House.

February 26th 1876.

Fire. G.L. Cheney Barn. Situated on Main St. alarm sounded at 2:45 O'clock A.M. Engine & Co Promptly on hand but owing to scarcity of water Barn Burnt. one Horse and Cow Perished in the flames. Origin Incendiary G.L. Young 1st at House.

February 23rd 1876.

Fire Thomas Dokeys Barn Situated on Hopkins St. Alarm sounded at One O'clock 1: A.M. Engine and Company promptly on hand water being so far off lent our Hose to No. 2. Barns Burnt. Origin unknown supposed Incendiary Louis Casey 1st Man at House

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March 22nd 1876.

Fire. James Murphys House situated on Green St. alarm sounded at 9-15 P.M. Engine did not go out of the house fire cart started and returned. Cause of fire defective flue. G.S. Young 1st and A. Austin 2nd Man at house.

Mch 25th 1876.

Fire. Mansfield's or Stinson Foundry situated on Furnace St. Alarm sounded at 1-15 A.M. Engine was promptly on hand and did good service and saved the building. Cause - accidental. A. Austin 1st and Long Levin 2nd Man at house.

April 15th 1876.

Fire = Frederick Gees House.. Green Street Sust \$1,600 Insured \$1,200.
1st - - - 2nd Man at House.

April 16th 1876

Fire Geo L. Okes dwelling House Grove St \$2,000^{Insured}
Occupied by Grizz Valliquett. Furniture and Clothing mostly destroyed. Insured \$1,800
1st - - - 2nd Man at House.

Fires and Alarms

May 18th 1876

Thomas Kilkos House south end of Main St. Engine & Co. promptly on hand. Insured \$1,000 Loss \$200. Supposed incendiary 1st and 2nd at house.

May 30th 1876.

Jack Griffins House Granger St. damage slight. Cause accidental Engine & Co. promptly on hand 1st and 2nd at house.

Sept 2^d 1876

O'Brien house Howe St damage small. Cause from stove pipe Engine & Co. promptly on hand 1st and 2nd at house.

Oct 9th 1876

James Gallaghers House south end of Main St. Loss \$400 Insured. Cause accidental Engine & Co. Promptly on hand 1st and 2nd at house.

Dec 19th 1876

Patrick Kelly's House situated on Strong Ave. small frame building. Loss \$600 cause incendiary Engine & Co. Promptly on hand 1st and 2nd at house.

Fires & Alarms.

Dec 19th 1876

Mrs. H. H. McCall's stone occupied by
Horack & Murphy (Merchant Tailors)
and situated on Merchants Row. Loss \$100. supposed
to have been an Incendiary Fire
^{1st} & ^{2^d} at House.

Jan 31st 1877

Manfield & Stinsons Foundry. Loss \$200
Insured cause spark from chimney.
Engine & Co promptly on hand with ^{2^d} stream on fire
^{2^d} at House.

Feby 16th 1877

Mrs Margaret Baileys House Green St.
Loss \$2,000 Insured \$1,600 supposed to have
caught from stove in back Kitchen.
Engine & Co promptly on hand
^{1st} & ^{2^d} at House

Feby 28th 1877

Mrs Robert Pierpoints House West St
damaged slightly accidental Engine
& Co promptly on hand but the Sheldon
Hose having it under control did
not string Hose
^{1st} & ^{2^d} at House.

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March 30th 1877

House occupied by Johnson situated
on Elm St. accidental damage light
^{1st} ^{2^d} at house.

March 30th 1877

Francis Gilmans. House situated on
East St. Loss \$2,000 Insured \$1,050.
Caught from chimney in Ell Part
^{1st} ^{2^d} at House

April 3^d 1877

Frederick Shattucks House situated on Elm
St. damage small. supposed to be Incendiary
^{1st} ^{2^d} at House.

April 20th 1877

H. R. Dyer's House situated on the corner of Main &
Green Sts. Loss \$2,500 Insured. Engine & company prompt
on hand & supposed Incendiary
^{1st} ^{2^d} at Engine House.

April 28th 1877

Patrick Loftus' House situated on Mechanic
St. House entirely destroyed Loss \$2,000
Insured \$1,200. Two of his children were quite seriously
burnt.

^{1st}

^{2^d} at Engine House.

Fires & Alarms.

June 6th 1877

House belonging to W.H. Smith unoccupied situated on Green St. Engine & Company promptly on hand did not save the House supposed Incendiary. Loss \$1,000 Insured

1st

2^d at Engine House

June 12th 1877

Building belonging to E. D. Keyworth situated on Main St. Unoccupied. Engine & Company promptly on hand building burned supposed Incendiary. Loss \$800 Insured \$750

1st

2^d at Engine House

June 12th 1877

House occupied by John Valiquette situated on West St. Caught on the roof by a spark from a passing Locomotive. Engine & Co. started for the fire but where ordered back. Damage slight

1st

2^d at Engine House

July 12th 1877

House belonging to Barney Travers situated on West St. Engine & Co. promptly on hand took water from the creek. fire supposed to have caught from the chimney. Loss \$2,000 Insured \$2,000

1st

2^d at Engine House

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July 16th 1877

House belonging to Bartley Girard situated on St. Loss \$600 Insured fully. Engine & Company on hand after considerable delay for help. 1st 2^d at Engine House.

August 9th 1877

Blacksmith & Carriage shop of Levi Miner Merrill St. burned Loss \$700 Insured for \$500 Engine & Co. on hand did very fair service. 1st 2^d at Engine House.

Sept 4th 1877

Bates' House situated on the Cor^r of Merchant Row & Centre St. Loss trifling caught from a defective flue. or fire place. Engine & Co. promptly on hand.

1st

2^d at Engine House.

Sept 14th 1877

House of John Fitzgeralds a little East of East St. Burned. Loss \$1,500 Insured Engine & Co. turned out the fire being so far away put up apparatus.

1st

2^d at Engine House

July 9th 1877

Barn of Stephen Sheridan West St. burned Loss \$2,500 Insured

1st

2^d at Engine House

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Oct 1st 1877

Millinery Room of Miss Thornton on Washington St. rather a suspicious fire and damage small.

1st

2nd at Engine House

There has been several small fires during the year but there has been no alarm sounded for and some that the Whistle of Mansfield & Stinson has blown for which I have made no record of.

Floor Paint

600, 3, dark

7 lbs Yellow Ochre

3 Pints Boiled Egg

1 Quart Turpentine

1/2 Pint Dryer

1 Pint Varnish mix well & Brush hard

Fires and Alarms

January 24th 1878

House belonging to John Constantine situated on the road south of Woodstock Avenue Burned Engine Co promptly on hand but were unable to get water Alarm sounded at 1 A.M James Dougherty 1st H Austin 2^d at 38 Men Present

Engine House

February 1st 1878

House belonging to John Mc Garrett situated on Green St ^{Burnt} Alarm sounded about 7 A.M Hose Co promptly on hand first stream H Austin 1st James Dougherty 2^d man at Engine House 38 Men Present

Feb 6th 1878.

House belonging to John Keenan situated east of the Village Burned Alarm sounded at 11.30 A.M. Co promptly on hand but of no service F. T Gilmore 1st L Kingsley 2^d at Engine House 30 Men Present

Feb 21st 1878

Shop belonging to Isabella Mc Garry situated on Lincoln Avenue Alarm sounded the Co promptly on hand Hose Co first stream and did service M. Costello 1st John Taylor 2^d at Engine House 52 Men Present

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February 24th 1878

Block belonging to W. C. Dandon situated on the corner of Merchants Row & West St Burned alarm sounded 2:30 A.M. Engine & Hose Co promptly on hand Hose Co first Water C. F. Gilmore 1st and Jas. Ward 2^d at Engine House 40 Men Present

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March 7th 1878

Fire Alarm sounded at 12:45 A.M. Proved to be a small frame Dwelling owned and occupied by Bryan Mc Donough situated on the lower end of Main St known as Gouger Hill Company and Hose Cart promptly on hand Second Stream on fire 32 Men Present

E. F. Gilmore 1st Louis Abare 2^d at Engine House

7 March 14th 1878

Fire Alarm sounded at 12:10 A.M. proved to be a small fram. Dwelling House Owned and occupied by one Michael Garrity situated on Strong Avenue House Burned & Furniture Partly saved Company promptly out but did not work the Engine 28 Men present B. J. Flynn 1st Henry Austin 2^d at Engine House

Fires and Alarms

March 17th 1878

^{Fire} Alarm sounded 1:30 P.M. House belonging to H. W. Bennett ^{situated Franklin St} and occupied by Ricker as a Boarding House Damage slight Engine Company promptly on hand did not work the Engine G. L. Young 1st man at Engine House and H. D. Hilton 2^d. 51 men Present

March 30th 1878

House belonging to Mansfield & Stinson first floor occupied as saloons situated on Main Street Alarm sounded at 2:30 A.M. Engine Co promptly on hand first Stream on fire E. F. Gilmore 1st man at Engine House 30 Men Present

April 7th 1878

Alarm of Fire sounded at 11 A.M. proved to be Les Harts Sugar House in the east part of the Town 25 Men at the House 1st at Engine House William Marker 2^d H. D. Hilton

April 16th 1878

House belonging to Mrs Burk Situated on Strong Av. Alarm given at 2 A.M. Company promptly on hand 43 men present R. Austin 1st at Engine House James Ward 2^d

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April 21st 1878

Fire Bramton Block situated on Merchants Row Occupants Globe Paper Co. in both stores H. C. Sawyer & Co. fourth store Building partially Burned Alarm given at 4:30 A.M. Number of men 43 1st gas Ward 2^d Burney the alarm

April 30th 1878

Fire John Stearn Barn situated on West St Alarm given at 12:40 A.M. Co promptly on hand but did not go to the fire Number of men 26 1st man J. C. Gibson 2^d William marker

May 1st 1878

Fire Alarm given at 1:50 A.M. Company promptly on hand 1st Stream on fire House belonging to C. D. Keyes situated on the corner of Grove & Maple St. House Burned down fire accidental Number of men 38 1st Louis Caissey 2^d man at Engin House Austin

July 24th 1878

Alarm Fire at 8:40 P.M. proved to be in the Black Smith Shop of J. Austin & John Mc Mahon situated on West St Co promptly on hand Number of men 32 1st gas Dougherty M. J. Higgins 2^d man at Engin House

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Sug 4th 1878

House belonging to Patrick Higgins situated on the Extension of Madison St House Consumed Co promptly on hand but did not work the machine 30 Men present S. J. Young 1st M. J. Higgins 2^d man Engin House Alarm given 10:30 A.M.

August 19th 1878

Fire House belonging to John Mc. Lowne Situated on Hopkins St House Consumed Company promptly on hand Engin did not Work. Hose Company got the Second Stream on Fire number of men present 38 Burney the alarm 1st A. Austin 2^d man at Engin House

August 24th 1878

Fire House belonging to Nat Collins Situated on the South end of Main St House & most of the contents Consumed Company promptly on hand and did good Service Alarm given at 2:15 A.M. Number of men present 26 James Dougherty 1st W. B. Thorell 2^d man at Engin House

August 24th 1878

Fire House belonging to Harry Mc. Donough Situated on the South End of Main St House Consumed contents mostly saved Company on hand and did good Work Alarm given at 8:30 A.M. Number of men present 34 G. L. Young 1st 2^d man at Engin House

Fires and Alarms

Sept 11th 1878

Fire proved to be in the Parsonage of Mansfield & Stimpson on Union St Company promptly on hand and did not work Building saved with but little damage Alarm given at 3 p.m. Number of men present 36 James H. Ward 1st Lie S. Young 2^d man at the Engine House

Sept 19th 1878

Fire proved to be the House of John Foley on removal St fire caught from a defect in the Chimney Company turned out promptly but did not reach the fire Alarm given at 130 p.m. Number of men present 118 James H. Ward 1st, Henry Austin 2^d man at the Engine House

Nov 28th 1878

Fire Kelley School House Situated on the corner of Church and William St Alarm given at 235 A.M. Company promptly on hand but did not work the Engine Hotel House consumed and most of its contents Number of men present 37 William Smith 1st William Parker 2^d man at Engine House

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Jan 17th 1879

Fire House belonging to Joseph Heath Situated on Green St Alarm given at 325 A.M. House and all its contents consumed Origin of Fire defect in Chimney fully Insured Engine Company promptly but did not reach the fire as there was no Water Number of men present 35 Anthony Austin 1st Jas H. Ward 2^d man at Engine House

Feb 26th 1879

Alarm Fire at 1145 A.M. proved to be in the Gates House Situated on the corner of Center St Merchants Row Engine Co promptly on hand Number of men 36 Henry Austin 1st A. Austin 2^d man at Engine House

April 14 1879

The House belonging to Andy Mangan situated on Strong Av Alarm given at 535 A.M. House consumed and part of the Furniture partly insured Company on hand but did not work the Engine Number of men 30 D. T. Kent 1st and Barney McLean 2^d man at the Engine House

April 24th 1879

The House belonging to Kilfeather situated in the swamp in the rear of the Pound House House and most of the contents consumed fully insured Number of men 42 Jas H. Ward 1st and John Brown 2^d man at Engine House alarm given at 1215 A.M.

Fires and Alarms

April 26th 1879

Alarm given at 110 A.M. Proved to be the
Township of Mansfield and Stimpson Situated on
Union St Company promptly on hand hose Co
did good service in helping to subdue the fire
Number of Men 30 Chas Nixon 1st Jos H Ward 2^d
Man at at Engine House

April 26th 1879

Fire Alarm given at 4 O'clock in the Morning proved
to be in Cadens Brothers Block the origin of the
Fire unknown Block Dwelling House & Barn
Consumed and a considerable of the goods
partially Insured Company promptly on hand
and did good services Number of Men 49
Jos H Ward 1st and Louis Causey 2^d Man at Engine House

Alarm April 28th 1879

The House belonging to Welch situated in
the East part of the Town on Green St House
and most of its Contents Consumed Alarm given
at 1015 p.m. Company responded but didn't
go to the fire Number of Men 47 A. Austin
1st and James Doughty 2^d man at Engine
House

May 10th 1879

Alarm given at 830 p.m. proved to be the
chimney of Wicklow Sullivan House situated on
West St Company on hand Number of Men 47 M. Regan
1st and William Smith 2^d man at Engine House

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Alarm given at Eleven O'clock & Ten Minutes
proved to be Cramton Block situated on
Merchants Row to promptly on hand Number
of Men 42 James Ward 1st and Geo Gilman 2^d
Man at Engine House

Aug 23rd 1879

The House belonging to John Hickey situated on
Street Av Caught fire at Ten Minutes past
One but was put out without the help of
the Fire Department Number of Men 35
Tim Clifford 1st and C H Chapman 2^d Man at Engine House

Sept 3rd 1879

Fire the House belonging to Mr Shaddock Situated
on Elm St and Occupied J. Peck was Consumed
and most of the Contents Consumed Origin
of the fire supposed to be Incendary Alarm
Sounder at Ten Minutes Past One Company
on hand usual Number of Men 28 Ed Woods
1st at Engine House

Oct 6th 1879

Fire the House belonging to John Draves and
Occupied by him was Consumed by fire and
most of its Contents Origin of fire defect in
Chimney Alarm Sounder at 145 O'clock P.M.
House situated on Meadow St Hicknackit first
on the ground would of got the first stream if
art Davis 1st would of let us work our Engine number of men 44 to fire
and William Smith 2^d man at Engine House

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Oct 7th 1879

Fire the House belonging to Pat Riley situated on Broad St was burned and most of his furniture the Barn in the rear was also consumed Alarm sounded at Twenty minutes to Three in the Morning the Co promptly on hand but did not work the engine the Hose Co got the first on the fire number of men 31 Jim Clifford 1st James Doughterty 2^d man at Lysias house

Nov 2nd 1879

Fire the House belonging to Walter G. Landen situated on the End of Grove Street and occupied by Leo Davis was consumed with the Barn Alarm given at Eleven O'clock P.M. Origin of fire Incendiary Mr Davis losses 2 int Cows & a Barn not Insured Co promptly on hand number of men 32 Barney McEachan 1st William Smith 2^d man at Lysias house

Nov 11th 1879

Fire the Barn belonging to Leo Coy on Grove St situated in the rear of his House was consumed Origin of the Fire unknown Alarm sounded at 9 45 O'clock P.M. Hicknackor Hose got the ground and did service Number of men 36 Henry Rustin 1st William Smith 2^d man at Lysias House

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Nov 24th 1879

Fire the Block owned by A.C. Bates and occupied by John D. Ryan as Hair Pin Shop Caught fire at 15 minutes to Twelve P.M. the fire Department promptly on hand but Hicknackor Hose got the first on the fire Origin of the fire unknown the Building was saved with a very little damage but Ryan Stock was badly damaged number of men 26 Jim Clifford 1st B J Flynn 2^d man at Lysias house

Nov 27th 1879

The Alarm of fire was sounded at 130 O'clock A.M. caused by the Burning of the Floral Hall on the Hill Ground the Co was the first on the scene Origin of fire number of men 15 1st Jim Clifford 2^d Frank Murray at Lysias house

from side to center Aisle 31 ft 7 1/2 inch to north east corner stone of Barn 21 ft 1 1/2 inch cedar

Floor Paint 7 lbs yellow Cedar 3 pints Boiled Oil 1 quart turpentine 1 1/2 pint dryer 1 pint Varnish ^{when 1/2} my wife went to commence brush hard Taylor moved in House February 24th 1878 at 1,000 a month

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